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CLAUDIA CARTER WESTERN

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RAVENS SHADOW

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A PEACEFUL
DAY IN DRY
CREEK,
TEXAS ...

CLAUDIA,
DO YOU SEE THE
RIDER
COMING?

CLAUDIA
CARTER, I HAVE
HEARD YOU HAVE
A FAST GUN?

I HOPE THAT
DOES NOT
MEAN
TROUBLE IS
COMING.

THE
STARNGER IS
A WOMAN, A
FEARED
GUNSLINGER,
LEONA RAVEN

LEONA RAVEN, IF YOU
HANG TO YOUT LIFE,
YOU'D BETTER LEAVE!

CARTER, I SPIT TO YOUR ADVICE! I'LL
LEAVE WHEN THE UNDERTAKER HAS
BROUGHT YOU TO BOOT HILL!

RAVEN! I
WON'T TAKE
THAT!

CLAUDIA,
EASE! SHE
WANTS TO
PROVOCATE!

CLAUDIA, BE CAREFUL,
I'VE HEARD OF HER! SHE
FIGHTS DIRTY, AND SHE'S
DANGEROUS!

CATTLE, I'VE TO DO, I
HAVE A REPUTATION TO
LOOSE! I'M NO
FEARSOME SHERIFF!

I DON'T
BLUFF! I'VE
COME TO KILL
YOU! NOTHING
ELSE!

YOU DON'T
SCARE ME!
LET'S TEST
IT OUT!

IF SHE HARMS YOU, I'LL FINISH HER UP!

CATTLE, EASE, THAT IS MY FIGHT! A FEARSOME SHERIFF WILL BE EASY PREY FOR OTHER OUTLAWS!

TOWNFOLKS GATHERS AS THE GUNFIGHT IS ANNOUNCED.

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE HER SWARMS OF THEM! WANTING TO TEST ME!

WHAT DO YOU WANT, THE SHERIFF WILL WIN!



SHERIFF, MUST SAY, YOU'VE GOT GUTS! BUT I'LL FILL YOUR GUTS WITH LEAD!

LEONA, IN THE END WE WILL SEE WHO'S THE WINNER!



LADIES, I COUNT TO THREE, THEN DRAW!



BOTH OF THEM GET THEIR GUNS READY.

YOU WILL REGRET TO HAVE INSULTED ME!



LEONA DRAWS LIGHTENING FAST.



LEONA FIRES AGAIN
AND LET CLAUDIA NO
CHANCE TO DRAW.

BANG

AHHH!



AAAIIHY
!!

CLAUDIA
MOANS IN
PAIN AND
DROPS
HER GUN.

KURRI!

AHHH!



THOUGH WATCHING HER
OPPONENT UNABLE TO FIRE
LEONA FIRES A THIRD TIME.



THOUGH PAIN IS
OVERWHELMING
HER, CLAUDIA
REFUSES TO GO
DOWN.



SHERIFF, I'M
THROUGH WITH
YOU!



L ... LEO ... NA R
... RAVEN ...

DAMNED, SHE GAVE YOU THREE, CLAUDIA, DAMNED HELL!



SHERIFF CARTER LOSES CONSCIENCE.

THE DEPUTY CARRIES HER AWAY.



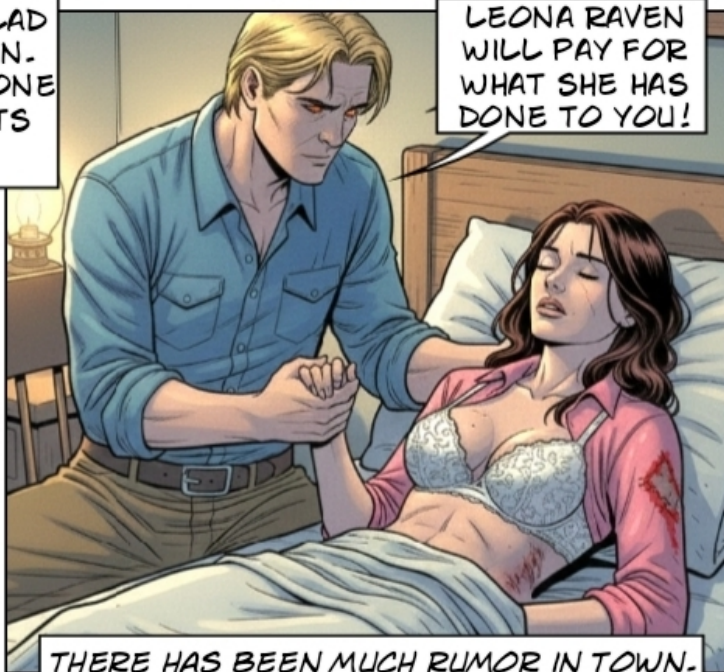
F... SHE NEEDS A DOC OR SHE'LL DY!

4 DAYS LATER ...



CLAUDIA, I'M SOO GLAD YOU'RE AWAKE AGAIN. DOC HAS REMOVED ONE BULLET, TWO SHOTS GRAZED YOU!

LEONA RAVEN WILL PAY FOR WHAT SHE HAS DONE TO YOU!



AGAIN TWO WEEKS LATER.

SHE DEFEATED ME...

... BUT I'M NOT BROKEN!



THERE HAS BEEN MUCH RUMOR IN TOWN. NO THE DEPUTY SHERIFF KEEPS LAW ENFORCING AS BRAVLY AS THE WOUNDED LAW LADY HERSELF.



THIS HAVE BEEN THE WEEKS, WHEN FOLKS FEARED IN DRY CREEK THEIR BRAVE SHERIFF LADY MIGHT NOT SURVIVE THIS DEFEAT.

PANEL 1

TO MONTH LATER
CLAUDIA CARTER PACKS
AGAIN HER PISTOLS.

PRACTICE IS
GOOD!

NOPE! JUST
AS
REMINDER!

WEEKS LATER CATTLE SHOWS HER A NEW
PUBLISHED PROFILE OF LEONA RAVEN.

DO YOU ANT ME TO KILL HER?

WANTED:
LEONA RAVEN

I WANT YOU
HERE TO STAY!
LEONA IS MY
BUSINESS!

CATTLE, I'LL MAKE MY
PIECE WHEN I FIND
HER. SHE COSTS ME
NEARLY MY LIFE!

YOU WANT TO
HUNT HER
DOWN! CLAUDIA,
BE CAREFUL!

AND SO
CLAUDIA
CARTER IS
BACK IN THE
SADDLE ...

"I HAVE AN
IDEA OF
WHERE I
CAN FIND
HER, SHE
KILLED 26
BRAVE
MEN AND
WOMEN!
AND
THAT'S
FAR
ENOUGH!"



"HERE IN DEAD ROCK
OUTLANDS I FIND HER
TRACE, FOOTPRINTS,
THE BOOTS SHE HAS
WORN HEN SHE HAS
BEEN IN CREEK!"

"... AND THE
TRACES LEAD ME
TO SHACK IN A
CANYON, HARD TO
FIND!"

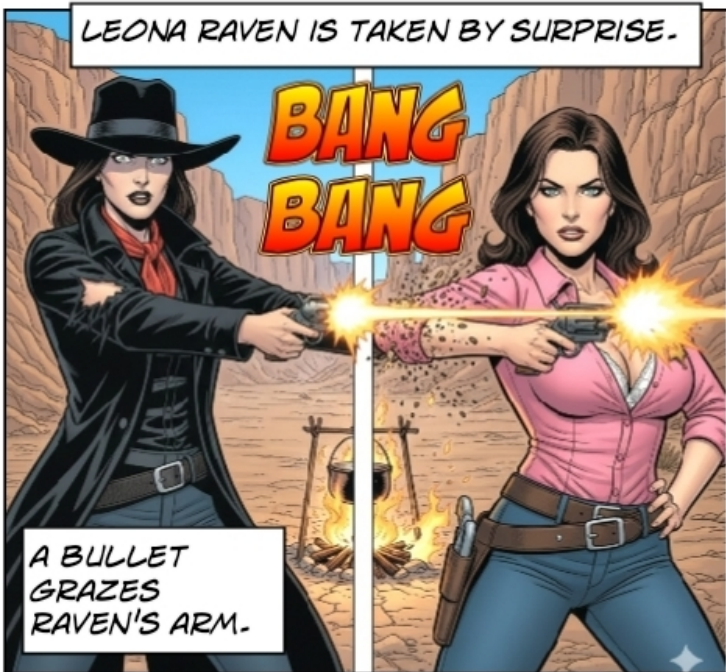


LEONA RAVEN, YOU HAVEN'T EXPECT ME! WE'VE GOT TO TALK!



CARTER? YOU? HERE?

LEONA RAVEN IS TAKEN BY SURPRISE.



A BULLET GRAZES RAVEN'S ARM.

RAVEN DOESN'T SURRENDER AND RIPS CLAUDIA BLOUSE WIDE OPEN ---



--- BUT CLAUDIA'S KICK FORCES HER INTO DEFENSE ---

--- AND CLAUDIA'S PUNCH PUSHES HER HARD, RAVEN IS GOING DOWN.



CLAUDIA BRINGS THE BLACK HAIR TO THE GROUND.

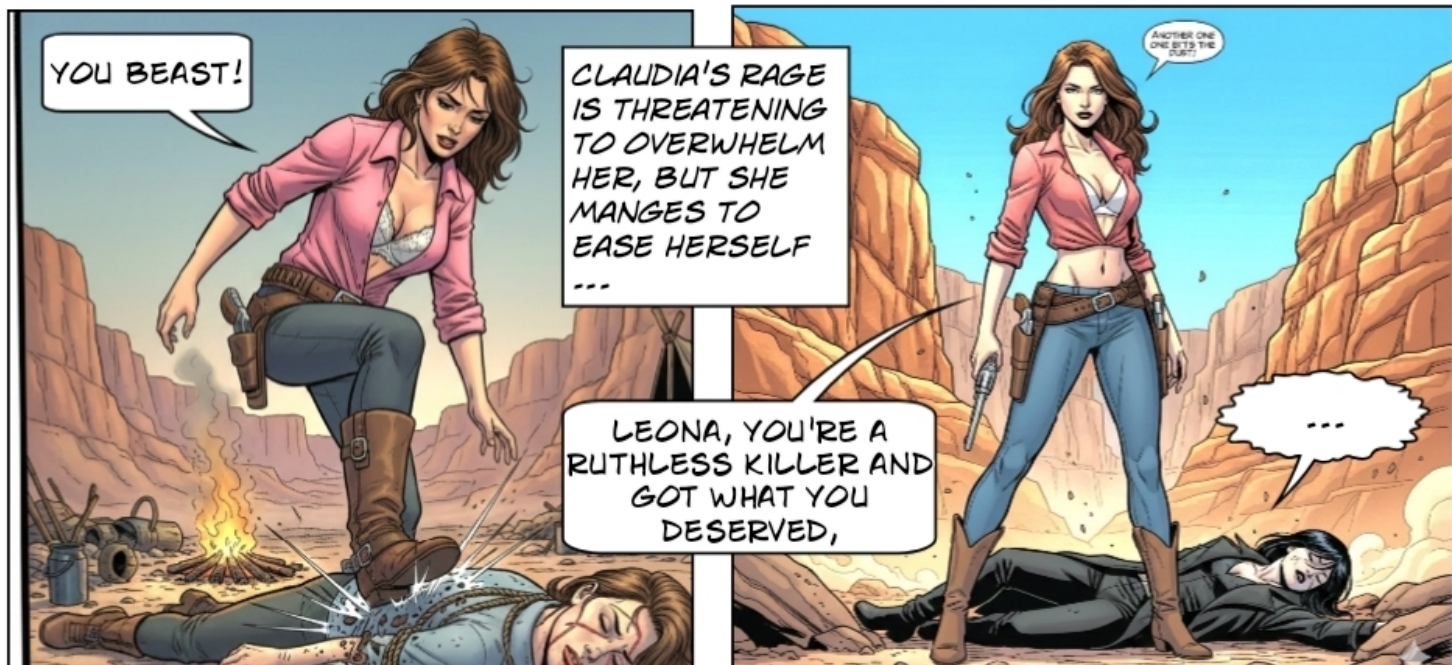
RAVEN, THE GAME IS OVER! YOU'RE DONE!



RAVEN!

I JUST NEED ONE BULLET TO KILL YA, NOT THREE! YOU FAILED!





YOU BEAST!

CLAUDIA'S RAGE IS THREATENING TO OVERWHELM HER, BUT SHE MANAGES TO EASE HERSELF ...

LEONA, YOU'RE A RUTHLESS KILLER AND GOT WHAT YOU DESERVED,

ANOTHER ONE
ONE BITTS THE
DUST!

...

LEONA PULLS A DERRINGER PISTOL OUT OFF HER POCKET...

... BUT CLAUDIA KNOWS LEONA'S DIRTY TRICKS AND FIRES HER GUN.



BANG



SHE'S DONE!

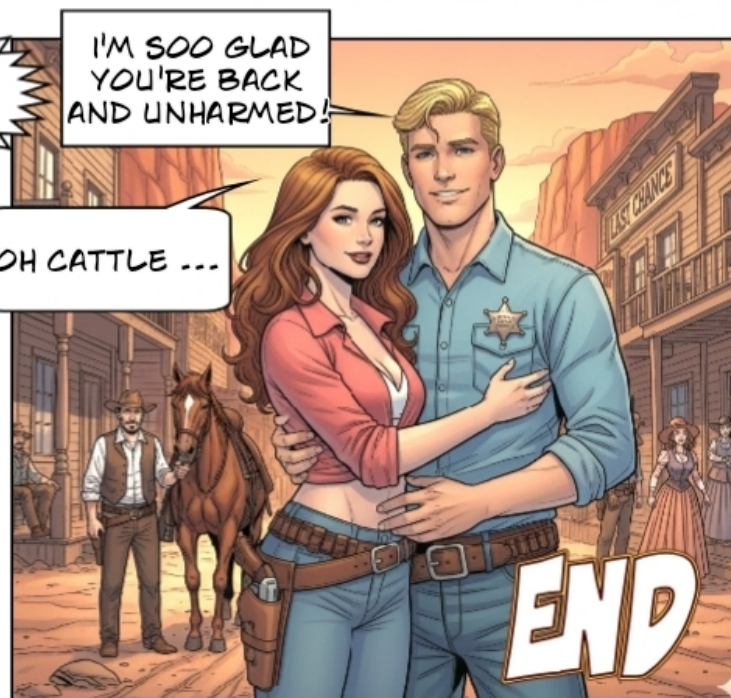


CLAUDIA HAS GOT HER VENGEANCE AND RIDES BACK TO TOWN ...

LEONA RAVEN IS DEAD!

I'M SOO GLAD YOU'RE BACK AND UNHARMED!

OH CATTLE ...



END